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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, RP

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: ARREST OF DINAH EDEJER

REF: STATE 06095

1. DURING VISIT TO DAVAO JANUARY 16, EMBOFF VISITED DINAH EDEJER IN MA-A CITY JAIL IN COMPANY OF LOCAL MARYKNOLL SUPERIOR WHO HAS BEEN VISITING HER WEEKLY SINCE HER ARREST. MISS EDEJER, A MEMBER OF UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, IS NURSE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ORGANIZATION OF SQUATTERS IN DAVAO. SHE SAID SHE WAS ARRESTED NOVEMBER 20. HER INITIAL INTERROGATION WAS VERY BRIEF. MILITARY CLAIMED SHE WAS CONNECTED WITH NPA, CHARGE WHICH SHE DENIES. ACCORDING TO MISS EDEJER, NO REPEAT NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST HER. SHE IS BEING ASSISTED BY LOCAL ATTORNEY WHO HAS SO FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING LOCAL MILITARY TO RELEASE HER.

2. EMBOFF INFORMED MISS EDEJER OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S INTEREST IN HER CASE. (FYI APPARENTLY SOME UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSIONARIES, WHOM SHE TERMS "FOSTER PARENTS," ARE CONSTITUENTS OF CONGRESSMAN FRASER. END FYI) MISS EDEJER, WHO IS IN GOOD HEALTH, SAID SHE HAS NOT BEEN MALTREATED. SHE WAS INITIALLY RATHER DEPRESSED SINCE LOCAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FAILED TO COME TO HER ASSISTANCE, BUT IS NOW KEEPING BUSY DOING NURSING WORK

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AT JAIL.

3. EMBOFF WAS TOLD MARYKNOLL COMMUNITY IN DAVAO DOING WHAT IT CAN TO OBTAIN AT LEAST TEMPORARY RELEASE FOR MISS EDEJER. DAVAO RC ARCHBISHOP (MABUTAS) TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 16 THAT HE HAD LEFT LETTER CONCERNING MISS EDEJER ASKING FOR HER RELEASE WITH ASSISTANT

SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ENRILE.

4. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHY  
MISS EDEJER REMAINS DETAINED. MARYKNOLL FATHERS SUGGEST  
IT MAY SIMPLY BE MATTER OF BUREAUCRATIC INEFFICIENCY/  
INERTIA. IN ANY EVENT, THEY DISCOUNT COMPLETELY  
POSSIBILITY MISS EDEJER HAS NPA CONTACTS.  
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